GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:262
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2003
PACKAGE FOR JUTE INDUSTRY
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have announced a package for the jute industry with higher subsidy on capital investment of 20 per cent;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal announced by the Government;

(c) whether the Government is encouraging the production of Geo Textile with wider marketing network in the country and overseas market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 262 FOR ANSWER ON 19.12.2003 REGARD PACKAGE FOR JUTE INDUSTRY

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Jute Manufactures Development Council (JMDC), a statutory body under the aegis of Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, has launched the `JMDC Incentive Scheme for Modernization of Jute Industry` w.e.f. July 2002. The subsidy under the scheme was universally restricted to 15% of the cost of machinery /equipment procured by the jute mills till September 2003. However, subsidy has been enhanced to 20% w.e.f. 19th September 2003 for establishment of new modern jute mills in new locations pertaining to jute growing areas having inadequate jute processing facilities after payment of cess for at least 3 months. However, the capital subsidy @15% of the cost of machinery and equipment is still admissible for modernization of existing units in areas having adequate jute processing facilities.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government is encouraging the production of Geo Textiles in the domestic as well as international markets through:

i) Organising events such as the International Jute Symposium (February, 2003 at Kolkata), the National Seminar on Geo-textiles and Innovative Jute Products (August, 2003 at New Delhi);

ii) Sponsoring research activities for development of geo-textiles in research Institutes like the Indian Jute Industries Research Association, (IJIRA) Kolkata and the Institute of Jute Technology (IJT) Kolkata;

iii) Encouraging and subsidising participation of manufactures of geo-textiles in national and international fairs;

iv) Sponsoring Pilot Rural Roads Project for standardising the specifications for the use of jute geo-textiles in construction of rural roads under the Prime Minister`s Gramin Sadak Yojana jointly with the National Rural Roads Development Agency, Ministry of Rural Development and the Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi;

v) Making technical presentations on Jute Geo Textiles to the concerned construction agencies and Departments of different State Governments and various organisations under the Central Government;

vi) Exhibiting Jute Geo Textiles products in important congregations and seminars organised by the Indian Geo-technical Society, the Indian Roads Congress, the Central Board of Irrigation and Power etc.